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FOR VIET BILLET . . . President Don Hyde (left) and J. Walker Owens, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, display flag that is being sent to Andrew J. Phipps in Viet Nam. The flag was made available by George Post of the United California Bank. Phipps said he wanted to fly the flag over his billet at Phi-Bui in Viet Nam. (Press-Herald Photo)

Urban Renewal Threats Hurled in Council Tiff

City Gets Park Area In Riviera

A proposal to develop a small park in the Riviera Village received the blessings of the Torrance City Council last night.

The proposal, advanced by the Rotary Club of the Riviera Village and the Riviera Village Association, calls for a small park on land now owned by the cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach. It is located at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Catalina Avenue.

The two organizations, in a letter to Mayor Albert Isen said they would commission Richard Gawne, a landscape architect, to design the park and then undertake a fund raising drive to finance the improvements.

Casper Clemmer, park superintendent, recommended that the city lend its support to the project. "There was some talk of converting this area into a parking lot," Clemmer told the council, "but I do not think anything was definitely decided and this project sounds much better."

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- Adopted, on first reading, an ordinance requiring landscaping around all future service stations in the city.
- Referred to the Planning Commission for study an ordinance which would eliminate R-1 and R-2 (single family and duplex residences) from R-3 (apartment) zones in the city.
- Added Bluff Street between Hawthorne and Crenshaw boulevards to the city's master plan of select streets.

Inspection Law Triggers Heated Council Dispute

Fears that a man's home might not be his castle provoked an angry debate which threatened, for a time, to end the city's Meadow Park Redevelopment Project last night.

The debate erupted near the end of a brief City Council session last night when Mayor Albert Isen asked City Manager Edward J. Ferraro if "something in the city codes" permits city inspectors to ring doorbells and walk into a home.

"If it's there and I voted for it," Isen declared, "I didn't know it."

AT ISSUE — although Isen apparently didn't know it at the time — was the city's Uniform Housing Code, adopted as part of the urban renewal project requirements last year. The code, required by the federal government, sets minimum standards for housing and empowers the city to enforce those standards.

Purpose of the code, Ferraro explained, is to prevent blight and eliminate the necessity of other urban renewal projects. It is to be applied in areas "which can be saved," he said.

Ferraro also said no city inspector will enter a home unless he has been invited in or unless the city first obtains a court order admitting the inspector to the home.

"We never enter any house where the owner doesn't want us," Ferraro told Isen, "We go to court and get an order."

ISEN THEN asked for assurance that no city inspector would ever force his way into a home — court order or not.

"I can't do that," Ferraro answered.

Ferraro said the city has not begun enforcing the housing code. Three areas are being studied, he said, by the Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Improvement and indications are that a triangular area in North Torrance is the most logical place to begin enforcement.

He also told Isen the city has no intention of enforcing the code in an area such as the Pueblo, where rigid enforcement would probably result in outright condemnation in many instances.

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THE CODE, he added, is part of the urban renewal program. "We can't have urban renewal without the housing code," Ferraro said.

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The code also offers several advantages to homeowners, Ferraro said. One of them is low-interest loans for home improvements which would not be available if the code were not enforced, he explained.

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"Exactly," H. Ted Olson said.

LYMAN THEN moved to prohibit any city inspector from entering a home under provisions of the housing and Isen seconded the motion. The motion was withdrawn when the rest of the council indicated it was reluctant to take such a step.

Amid motions to adjourn the council meeting, Isen indicated the debate was not at end as far as he is concerned.



NEW PROMOTION . . . Pat Gaynor and Donna Sweeten of the Chamber of Commerce staff prepare to mail out a new industrial guide to the city which has been prepared by the Chamber for its members and for those seeking information on the city as a possible plant site. Several hundred will be mailed immediately in response to requests for information which have been received, Manager J. Walker Owens said. (Press-Herald Photo)

VOTERS GET THE WORD

Bond Failure May Mean a Tax Boost

Torrance taxpayers could face a tax increase of nearly 70 cents per \$100 assessed valuation if a \$9 million school bond issue fails in the Nov. 8 general election.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, told the Board of Education Monday it could hike taxes by 69.6 cents to provide funds for a pay-as-you-go building program if the bond issue fails to win voter approval.

The increase in taxes would yield about \$2 million each year for school construction, he said.

A TAX HIKE would be the only alternative if the bond issue does not win approval, the superintendent told trustees.

Information on possible alternatives open to the board was presented as trustees began considering their own arguments for the bond issue. The board will submit an argument in favor of the proposal to be mailed to voters with sample ballots.

Dr. Hull said the increase in taxes could take the following forms:

- A 26.8 cent increase in the general purpose tax rate, bringing that rate up to the maximum voted rate of \$3.30 per \$100 assessed valuation.
- Add 22.3 cents to finance the cost of departmentalized classes in the seventh and eighth grades. A special tax for that purpose is authorized by law, but not currently levied by the local district.
- A 4.5-cent tax for health insurance.
- A 5.4-cent tax for adult education.
- A special tax to finance excess costs of special education classes. It would include 3.9 cents for educationally handicapped children and 6.7 cents for educable mentally retarded children for a total of 10.6 cents.

"THESE ARE things the board of education has attempted to avoid by offering the people the low cost bond

program for paying for buildings," Dr. Hull said.

"If the voters fail to see the economy of the bond issue," he declared, "the board still has the responsibility of housing the children."

Voters have twice rejected school bond issues this year. A \$12.5 million proposal failed during an election in February and a \$9 million issue was rejected in June. Both failed to gain the required two-thirds majority for passage.

IN A RELATED action, the board authorized the sale of \$710,000 in school bonds—the

last remaining bonds from the 1963 bond issue. The funds will be needed for progress payments on school construction now under way and, when those payments are made, will leave the district with no building funds.

The board also authorized the creation of a Citizens' School Emergency Action Committee of 100 members to direct the campaign for the bond issue. Each member of the board will name five people to the committee and school principals will be asked to name additional citizens to the group.

"This is an emergency," Dr. Hull declared.

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Women Collecting Smokes for GIs



FOR VIET NAM . . . Four Torrance housewives have undertaken a project to collect and send cigarettes to U. S. servicemen in Viet Nam. The group has enlisted the help of city employees and will ask Torrance service clubs to join the effort. Checking the first few cartons for shipment to Viet Nam are, from left, Mrs. Russell McElroy, Mrs. Eva Bisou, Mrs. Ray Ferkel, and Mrs. Ivan Jurco. Cigarettes may be left at the city hall, Mrs. Bisou said, where containers will be set up in all departments. (Press-Herald Photo)

An appeal from Viet Nam for cigarettes is going to be answered by four Torrance housewives, with the cooperation of the city and several service organizations.

Mrs. Eva Bisou, a member of the city's Safety Council and unofficial chairman of the housewives' group, said City Manager Edward J. Ferraro is cooperating with the effort and expressed hope that Torrance service clubs also would help with the project.

The group, which includes Mrs. Ray Ferkel, Mrs. Ivan Jurco, and Mrs. Russell McElroy, will collect the cigarettes and ship them to individual servicemen in Viet Nam.

Residents wishing to aid in the drive may leave cigarettes at the city hall, Mrs. Bisou said, or telephone one of the four women.

Cigarettes apparently have a low priority on the list of goods shipped to Viet Nam, she explained. Persons wishing to contribute money may do so, she said, and the four women will see that it is spent for cigarettes.

Council Votes to Pay 'Dirty Laundry' Claim

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